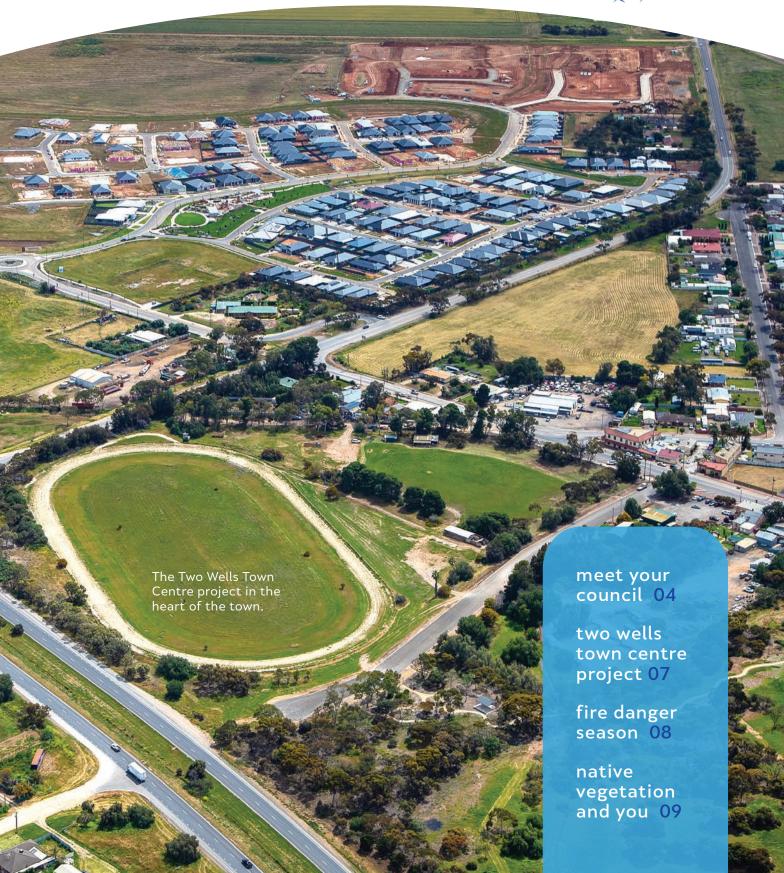
COMMUNICATOR

SPRING/SUMMER 2022-2023







MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am very pleased to be part of the elected group who will be actively working to bring much needed facilities, infrastructure and services to the region.

While Two Wells has a focus at the moment due to the rapidly increasing population, everyone should also see the great opportunities before us. Whatever the constructions, facilities or precincts that will emerge on the 8 Ha site, they will greatly serve the wider community - be that at Dublin, Mallala, Redbanks, among our coastal communities and everywhere in between.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that we all work, live and play. Adelaide Plains Council has had to be agile and adaptable to the everchanging landscape and it is a credit to all staff that Council has continued to provide the services we need and expect without missing a beat.

The impacts of weeks of unusually high rainfall and storm events have filled our rivers to capacity at times. We must remain vigilant for summer floods and even more so for bushfire threats with such high fuel loads drying off.

Our new group of Councillors are your first port of call if you have queries on Council decisions and policies. Please make use of their knowledge and build good relationships with them so that better understanding is achieved all round.

I look forward to bringing back the community engagement forums that we had commenced prior to the pandemic where myself and Council's Executive Management Team can listen to and discuss issues that the community might have. I will explain in clear and simple terms how Council actually works – roles and responsibilities, the restrictions, the accountability and distinct lines of separation between the administration and elected members.



Adelaide Plains Council is a modern progressive council – different to how councils used to be. I urge anyone who is interested in how it all works to make contact with your elected members, including myself. Who knows, you may one day want to be part of the next generation of Councillors.

Mark Wasley
Mayor



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Get to know your new Elected Members for the 2022-2026 term of Council!



MAYOR MARK WASLEY
0456 939 376 markw@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: The towns and settlements – talking to people and listening.

My hobby: Sailing, playing guitar and helping people.

I'm currently listening to: 'Love Will Find A Way' by Pablo Cruise, and 'How Long (Has This Been Going On)' by Ace on repeat.



COUNCILLOR MARCUS STRUDWICKE DEPUTY MAYOR
0407 392 191 marcuss@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: Mallala Museum.

My hobby: I have many hobbies - my main interests are

breeding show budgerigars, and 3D printing. **I'm currently listening to:** ABC Radio in the car.



COUNCILLOR ALANA BOMBARDIERI 0466 447 011 alanab@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: All our delicious food options.

My hobby: I love spending time at our local soccer club with my children.

I'm currently listening to: 'Livin' The Dream' by The Wolfe Brothers on repeat.



COUNCILLOR KAY BOON 0421 163 920 kayb@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: The Library, Village Green and walk to the Wells. Truly delightful!

My hobby: Local and family history research and writing.

I'm currently listening to: 'Angels Watching Over Me' on repeat –

in rehearsal for Mallala's Christmas in Song!



COUNCILLOR TERRY-ANNE KEEN

0407 971 022 terry-annek@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: Lower Light, home.

My hobby: Breeding and exhibiting longhaired miniature dachshunds.

I'm currently listening to: Cruise 1323 AM.



COUNCILLOR JOHN LUSH 0417 809 785 johnl@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: Port Parham and Bakers Creek.

My hobby: Fishing, four-wheel-driving and fast cars.

I'm currently listening to: 'Going Home' by Leonard Cohen on repeat.



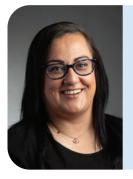
COUNCILLOR DANTE MAZZEO

0447 087 265 dantem@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: Two Wells Bakery.

My hobby: Writing stories.

I'm currently listening to: 'Piano Man' by Billy Joel on repeat.



COUNCILLOR MARGHERITA PANELLA

0416 020 777 margheritap@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: Two Wells Main Street, love all the stores and shops and always try to shop local. Village Green and the Wells – love it.

My hobby: Raising farm animals, I love my baby alpacas Willow and Molly. I also love walking and hanging out with my Maremma dogs Pino and Rusty.

I'm currently listening to: 'Can I Get It' by Adele, and 'Unholy' by Kim Petras and Sam Smith.



COUNCILLOR DAVID PATON

0433 692 916 davidp@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: United Football Club, as it is

everything that defines Adelaide Plains.

My hobby: Anything active – from cycling to wakeboarding.

I'm currently listening to: 'Look Up Child' by Lauren Daigle on repeat.



COUNCILLOR EDDIE STUBING

0428 824 712 eddies@apc.sa.gov.au

My favourite place in the region: My home in Middle Beach.

My hobby: Restoring Lanz Bulldog tractors. I'm currently listening to: U2 on repeat.

2022 COUNCIL ELECTIONS



We were pleased to see the Adelaide Plains community show active interest in the election throughout each of the Nominate | Enrol | Vote phases of the 2022 Local Government Election. The State Average for voting, as reported by ECSA, was 34.54%. APC's voting participation was 30.81%.

For more information regarding votes received, including a link to the Scrutiny Report for each category, visit https://result.ecsa.sa.gov.au/lgeresults?council=APC

With the general election now concluded, the changes to Council's composition and elector representation arrangements as determined through Council's Representation Review (completed in December 2021) have now taken effect – the previous ward structure is abolished and Council's composition is Mayor and nine Area Councillors.

Scrutiny and Count

Scrutiny and count for the Mayoral election commenced at 9am on Saturday 12 November 2022 at the Mallala Council Chamber.

Due to the number of vacancies (9), and number of candidates (15), ECSA declared the election of Area Councillor to be 'complex' and as such this count was completed in two parts – to first preference on Saturday 12 November 2022 at the Mallala Chamber and the remainder of the count on Thursday 17 November 2022 at the ECSA Processing Centre in Hindmarsh SA.

Results

ECSA confirmed the results on Friday 18 November 2022 and the successful candidates were sworn in as Council Members at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 28 November 2022.

YOUR DEPUTY MAYOR



Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 28 November 2022, chose to appoint a Deputy Mayor and in doing so appointed Councillor Strudwicke as Council's Deputy Mayor for a 12-month term.
Councillor Strudwicke has served as Council's Deputy Mayor since November 2018.

Appointing a deputy mayor is not mandatory however doing so promotes consistency, stability and contingency in the event the Mayor is absent and, in particular, ensures that the specific roles of the Mayor, set out within Section 58(1) of the Local Government Act continue to be delivered.

MR PEPPINO (JOE) DANIELE

Mr Daniele served as a Councillor from 1975 to 2022 for the Two Wells Ward, and after his impressive 47 years of service to the sector, has taken the opportunity to enjoy retirement.

Joe has been a driving force behind development and the provision of community services in the Two Wells area, and played a pivotal role in the establishment of a Kindergarten in the township and lobbied to get a new Primary School built at Two Wells. He also supervised the construction of St. Joseph's Catholic Church



and assisted with building the Two Wells Community Centre. A passionate Councillor who served on various committees during his time, always striving to be a responsible representative of the ratepayers. Thank you, Joe!



TWO WELLS TOWN CENTRE PROJECT

Council launched the long-awaited Two Wells Town Centre project in October 2022, focused on supporting the growth of Two Wells.

Following years of diligent planning, Council strategically purchased eight hectares of 'Crown Land' in the heart of the historic town, setting the foundation for an exceptional and vibrant town centre development opportunity.

The site, located between the Port Wakefield Highway, Old Port Wakefield Road and Wells Road – is to host a vibrant Town Centre precinct with a mix of retail, commercial, and community offerings complemented by high-quality landscaped and civic open spaces.

Council is driving a number of strategic projects across our region to support this growth, with the Two Wells Town Centre project being the largest of these, and a flagship offering for our community. Our Chief Executive Officer, Mr James Miller says "This project complements the significant pipeline of major projects focused on enhancing amenity in the Two Wells Town Centre. This includes the new Village Green, the Main Street streetscape masterplan, and planned undergrounding of powerlines in the Main Street. Key enabling infrastructure is also being established including major civil works to provide flood immunity for the town centre."

Artist's impressions of the future Two Wells Town Centre, by Jensen PLUS.



The market engagement process is now well underway. Watch this space!

Keep an eye on our website for major project updates: www.apc.sa. gov.au/our-council/ two-wells-investment



FIRE DANGER SEASON 2022/2023 PREPARE NOW!

15 November 2022 to 30 April 2023*

If you haven't already, now is the time to prepare for Fire Danger Season.

Property owners are required to take reasonable steps to: protect property from fire, prevent or inhibit the outbreak or spread of fire, and minimise the threat to human life from fire, under the Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005.



What are the requirements for my property this season?

You can help to protect your family, friends, pets, property and community from fire danger by following these requirements:

- House blocks: all dry
 flammable material is reduced
 to a maximum height of
 10 cm by slashing, mowing
 or removing, and maintained
 throughout the year.
- Larger blocks (more than 0.5 hectare or 5,000 square metres): require a firebreak, slashed or mowed to a maximum height of 10 cm, to a minimum width of 20 metres around any dwelling, and a minimum width of 5 metres around other buildings and structures, and property boundaries, maintained throughout the year.
- Vacant town blocks: all dry flammable material is reduced to a maximum height of 10 cm by slashing, mowing or removing, and maintained throughout the year.
- All flammable material must be stored in a safe manner.

Council's Fire Prevention Officers inspect properties in the region to assess compliance with these requirements. Property owners issued with a Compliance Notice are required to comply with the requirements of that notice within 14 days. Failure to comply with a Compliance Notice carries a Maximum Penalty of \$10,000 and an Expiation Fee of \$473.

If you live within the Adelaide Plains Council area and have a fire prevention concern, please contact us and ask to speak to our Fire Prevention Officers.

*Dates are inclusive, and apply to the Mid North fire region (including Adelaide Plains Council area). Dates subject to change by Government declaration.



NATIVE VEGETATION AND YOU

We all love the open landscaped character of Adelaide Plains townships, rural and coastal areas. Important legislation playing a key role in protecting our valued vegetation is the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (the Act).

If you own a farm, business, or house in Adelaide Plains, the Act applies to your property. Is there native vegetation on your land?

South Australia's native vegetation is important because:

- It provides critical habitat for South Australia's unique native biodiversity.
- It helps protect our land, coastlines and waterways from erosion, salinity and climatic extremes, reducing the effects of a changing climate.
- It supports agricultural production through creating windbreaks, shelter for animals, and habitat for natural pest predators and crop pollinators.
- It improves our health and wellbeing by providing us with a connection to nature, and
- It is an important element of our state's natural identity.

Only 26% of native vegetation remains in SA's agricultural districts because of extensive land clearance. That's why it's important that we protect the remaining areas of native vegetation to support the health of the environment and the wellbeing of our communities.

What is "Native Vegetation"?

Native vegetation is any naturally occurring species of plant that is indigenous to South Australia. This can include grasses, herbs, shrubs, trees, mistletoe, aquatic plants (like milfoil, reeds and sedges), marine plants (sea grasses) and, sometimes, even dead trees.

Planted vegetation is not covered by the Act unless it was:

- Intentionally sown or planted by a person in compliance with a planning condition.
- Planted with native vegetation clearance funds via an offset agreement.
- Planted under any other Act.

Significant and Regulated Tree legislation applying in metropolitan Adelaide does not apply in Adelaide Plains.

How do I find out if I have native vegetation?

The Department for Environment and Water's online Interactive *Guide for Native Vegetation* is an easy to use tool to find out if your property has native vegetation.

I want to clear native vegetation for my new development – what do I do?

If you are proposing a new development (including a shed or addition to your house) that requires clearing vegetation, you can contact the Native Vegetation Council to determine whether the vegetation is classed as native, and what level of clearance is required to remove it.

This clearance level determines if your application will need to be formally referred to the Native Vegetation section of the Department of Environment and Water.

As part of the development application process, you need to determine if the proposed development involves the clearance of native vegetation. If no clearance is proposed, you are required to provide a written declaration when lodging your application.

An Accredited Consultant must be engaged to prepare a Data Report if you're proposing to clear any native vegetation. This report needs to be provided when the lodging your development application. The report must contain a risk-based assessment determining the level of clearance proposed based on assessment criteria prescribed by the Native Vegetation Council.

Want more information?

To better understand how you can work with native vegetation on your property, or to find out if you have it, visit the Department of Environment and Water's website www. environment.sa.gov.au/ topics/native-vegetation

If you have queries about native vegetation, contact the Native Vegetation Branch of the Department of Environment and Water: 08 8303 9777 or NVC@sa.gov.au

If you have questions about building something, you can contact Council by phone or email, or visit the Two Wells Service Centre to speak with our development staff in person.

CELEBRATING ERIC WILLIAMS' JOURNEY WITH APC

In 2005, Eric Williams applied new state for a job with Adelaide Plains and Ma Council. He planned to stay for only a couple of years before moving on to a metro council with it, but quickly found himself at home and celebrated his retirement with us 17 years later! new state and Ma has don Plains proving on to a metro council more in increase with us 17 years later!

Eric has installed signs, operated our machinery, worked in the Transfer Station, and mentored new staff – anything the Civil and Maintenance team do, Eric has done. He's seen the Adelaide Plains population grow, and with it, more road improvements, more infrastructure, and increased community pride in his team's work.

Manager of Operations, Scott, says "Eric is one of the most conscientious and meticulous



colleagues I have had the privilege to work with, and his taskings were always done to the best of his ability. In a class of his own, he is leaving a skilled operator and vastly knowledgeable Civil worker."

From the staff, members, and community of Adelaide Plains Council – thank you Eric, happy retirement!

VALE PAUL MCNAIR

8/8/1957-9/11/2022 Aged 65 years

Paul was a long standing and much loved employee of the Adelaide Plains Council, having worked primarily in the depot workshop for 22 years.

He was a wonderful servant of our community, a wonderful colleague and, importantly, a wonderful friend. Our depot and workplace won't be the same without him.

Rest in peace, Paul.



Community
Partnerships
Fund

INDIVIDUAL SPORT & CULTURAL FUNDING

Council recognises the outstanding talent of individuals within our region who have excelled in their chosen field of sport, recreation or cultural activity.

Funding is available to provide financial assistance to residents who have been selected to represent South Australia at a State, National or International level, or have been selected for a significant development opportunity as a result of excellence in a particular field.

Applications are open throughout the year (funding permitting) with assessments taking place as required. Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

For more information contact us and ask to speak to our Community Development Officer.



Ordinary Council Meetings will be held at 4.30pm in the Mallala Chamber on:

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Meetings can be attended in person or via live stream on Council's YouTube channel. A link will be posted to Council's website on the day of the meeting.

SWIMMING POOL & SPA SAFETY

We all like to keep cool as the summer weather heats up, and the idea of having your own backyard pool or spa is appealing. But are you aware of the risks and safety requirements?

Drowning is one of the most common causes of unintentional death in Australian children aged between 0-4 years, and backyard pools are one of the most dangerous water environments for young children.



Pools and spas are required to have safety barriers or fencing constructed in accordance with Australian Standards to restrict access to water by young children.

Development approval from Council is also required for a swimming pool or spa pool exceeding 300mm in depth or for an above ground or inflatable swimming pool or spa pool with a filtration system.

Want more information?

To find out more about pool safety, visit Royal Life Saving Australia or contact Council and ask to speak to our Building Officer.

https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/

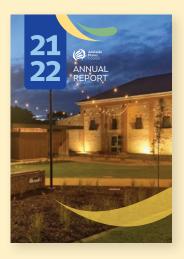


2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Council's Annual Report for 2021/2022 was adopted by Elected Members on 24 October 2022.



You can read the full copy on our website www.apc.sa.gov.au



COMMUNITY BUS

We provide a monthly bus service to Elizabeth City Centre on the third Friday of each month.

Departing from Mallala, the bus travels to Elizabeth via Parham and Two Wells. Additional stops along the travel route including Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston can be added by prior arrangement.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Contact us to book your seat: 08 8527 0200

2023 TIMETABLE

JAN 20th	MAY 19th	SEPT 15th
FEB 17th	JUN 16th	OCT 20th
MAR 17th	JUL 21st	NOV 17th
APR 21st	AUG 18th	DEC 15th

BUS DEPARTS

9.00am Mallala Post Office

9.15am Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

Two Wells Motel 9.40am

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL

10.15am Elizabeth City Centre

RETURN BUS DEPARTS

3.00pm Elizabeth City Centre

Return Trip \$5.00 per person

Return bus travels same route in reverse

Children under 16 may travel free but must be accompanied by an adult.

COMMUNITY CAR

Transport assistance is available

We're a partner council with the Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCPN). The MNCPN provides a transport service for residents who are not able to access transport for medical and health appointments. Transport may also be arranged for shopping, banking, hairdressing and social appointments or visiting friends (conditions apply).

Community cars are based within each region, with Council's car based in Mallala. The cars are driven by volunteers who choose to give their time, energy, skills and experience to help others. A small fee is charged based on the distance travelled. Carers may travel free with their client, and wheelchair accessible vehicles can be booked (pending availability).

Book our Community Car

Contact Mid North Community Passenger Network: 08 8842 1677

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Are you a registered Justice of the Peace?

If you have a spare two hours on a Saturday morning every six weeks, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact:

Anne Sawtell, Manager Library and Community 08 8527 0200 info@apc.sa.gov.au



CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

For Spring/Summer 2023



Our Civil crew have a busy summer ahead, resheeting and resealing roads, and upgrading our beautiful reserves and public spaces!

Road Resheeting

Leilete Road:

Dawkins Road to Coats Road

Torelete Road:

Dawkins Road to Coats Road

Trim Road:

Williams Road to Russell Road

Gilks Road: Lawrie Road to End

Germantown Road:

Simpkin Road to Verner Road

Verner Road:

Day Road to Boundary Road

Wasley Road:

Pratt Road to Big Rabbit Road

Harvey Road:

Simpkin Road to Pratt Road

Road Resealing

Under the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3.

Buckland Park Road:

Port Wakefield Road to Halstead Road West (construct and seal)

Glover Road:

Williams Road to Germantown Road (construct and seal)

Renewal and Upgrade of Reserve and Street Furniture

Parham Short Stay Facility: Upgrade

Lewiston Wetlands Playground: Additional toilet block

Dublin Institute:

Toilet block upgrade

Mallala Treatment Plant:

Chamber protection coating



MOWING AND WEEDS

Council mows and maintains our parks and reserves year-round to provide clean, attractive open spaces.

Irrigated spaces are mown weekly, and un-irrigated open spaces are mown every 3-4 weeks or as required. This is guided by Council's Parks and Reserves Classification.

Our slashing program kicks off in spring to ensure fuel load reduction slashing is completed for the Fire Danger Season. Areas that are focused on include road verges in and around areas susceptible to bush fire such as Lewiston, Council reserves, and townships. We also slash and mow at intersections to provide adequate line of site for vehicles.

There are road verges within the region managed and maintained by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. These include Port Wakefield Highway, Gawler Road, Mallala Road, Redbanks Road, Balaklava Road and Traeger Road (to the white guide post).



With above average rainfall this year, vegetation has grown quicker than normal! We're aware of this and have scheduled additional mowing and slashing.

WHAT GOES IN YOUR BINS?

RUBBISH

FORTNIGHTLY PICKUP

- bubble wrap
- bin liners
- cigarette butts/ash
- cleaning sponges/ cloths/rags
- clothing
- crockery
- disposable nappies
- foam containers/ trays/packaging
- kitty litter
- string/ twine/ropes
- vacuum cleaner dust











RECYCLING

FORTNIGHTLY PICKUP

- paper and cardboard
- milk and juice cartons
- magazines, newspapers and books
- · glass bottles and jars
- aluminium cans and foil
- food tins/ steel cans (empty)
- rigid plastic bottles and containers from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry (eg ice cream, shampoo, detergent)
- plastic takeaway food containers
- plastic cutlery
- biscuit trays
- yoghurt containers



ORGANICS

FORTNIGHTLY PICKUP (OPTIONAL SERVICE*)

- food scraps and peels
- pizza boxes
- leaves, branches, lawn clippings, cut flowers and garden matter
- cake and bread scraps
- fruit vegetables
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- meat scraps and bones (cooked or raw)
- seafood (cooked or raw)
- egg shells and oyster shells
- tissues and paper towels
- dairy products (eg cheese, yoghurt)
- hair
- manure and pet droppings



For more information on Adelaide Plain Council's waste collection service, and hints and tips on how you can recycle more visit www.apc.sa.gov.au

*Council offers an optional fortnightly collection service for organics (240L green bin) within the townships of Mallala, Two Wells and Dublin, which is provided at no additional cost. Please contact Council's Waste Services provider, Solo Resource Recovery, on (08) 8295 5077 to register for the organics collection service.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping and litter not only impacts the use, appearance, and safety, of our public spaces and roadsides but it also negatively affects our natural environment. Cleaning of illegally dumped items, including tyres and asbestos, has significant costs to Council and ratepayers, and uses resources that could be focused elsewhere.

Illegal dumping is largely from neighbouring regions and not something easily controlled.

To report illegally dumped rubbish in the region, contact us directly via phone or email.

Did you know?

Placing unwanted items on your verge is also a form of illegal dumping. If you have free household items you would like to give away, try posting it in a local Facebook group or Gumtree.

Otherwise, visit our Two Wells Resource Recovery Centre to dispose of your hard waste, e-waste, or oil.



Two Wells Resource Recovery Centre

Visit our Resource Recovery Centre in Two Wells to dispose of your hard rubbish, furniture, e-waste, engine oil, batteries, or cardboard.

Wells Road, Two Wells Wednesday

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm Saturday & Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm Closed on public holidays.

Fees may apply. Visit our website for more details.

Festive Season Council Hours

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Mallala & Two Wells

Closes 12pm Friday 23 December 2022 **Opens** 9am Tuesday 3 January 2023

TWO WELLS TRANSFER STATION

Closes 3.30pm Wednesday 21 December 2022 **Opens** 9am Saturday 31 December 2022

LIBRARIES

Mallala

Closes 12pm Wednesday 21 December 2022 **Opens** 10am Wednesday 4 January 2023

Two Wells

Closes 5pm Thursday 22 December 2022 **Opens** 9am Tuesday 3 January 2023

BIN COLLECTION

Normal collection service throughout the holidays.

GET IN TOUCH

Council Emergencies 08 8527 0200

AUSTRALIA DAY Breakfast 2023

Join Adelaide Plains Council for our annual Australia Day Breakfast and Citizenship Ceremony!

Thursday 26 January 2023
Mallala Football Clubrooms,
Mallala Oval Complex

Breakfast served from 8am by the Mallala Lions Club



With an Australia Day Ambassador Special guest

